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SUBJECT: FRENCH RESPONSE TO AFGHAN WOMEN AND CHR DEMARCHES

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Poloff delivered reftel talking points to MFA DAS-equivalent for Human Rights in the Directorate of United Nations and International Organizations Affairs Beatrice le Fraper du Hellen on January 18. In a follow-up conversation, Fraper du Hellen said French concurred that a resolution on the status of Afghan women (reftel A) was unnecessary this year. Regarding the UNCHR resolutions (reftel B), Fraper du Hellen noted the French felt that there were too many resolutions proposed without sufficient follow-through. She recommended that specific priorities be identified, with fewer resolutions but greater effort exerted to assure success. Fraper du Hellen was concerned that without the US as a main co-sponsor, a Belarus resolution might have difficulty passing.  
Wolff